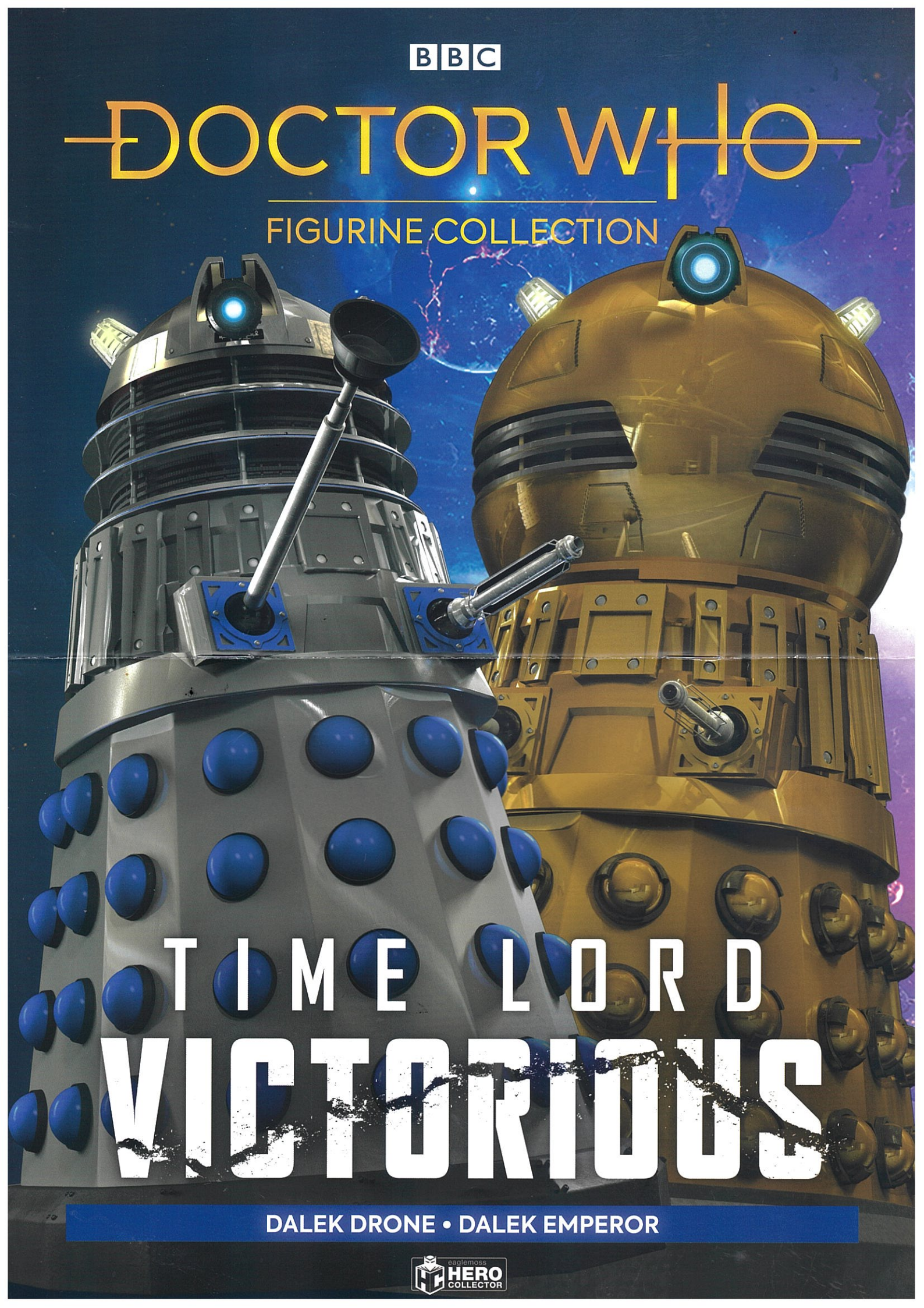
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"Exterminate! Attack! Destroy! The Emperor must be contacted! Destroy and advance! Advance and destroy!"

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DALEK DRONES OF THE RESTORATION EMPIRE

The Drones of the Dalek Restoration were fiercely loyal and obedient. While a ghost of the dissent of the last Dalek civil war still lingered, the new Emperor had ensured its Drones – the vast majority of the Daleks – were programmed with loyalty being paramount.

As the Restoration Empire focused on Dalek conquest and strength, these Drones saw plenty of conflict as they swept out from Skaro into the universe, bringing fear, terror and death with them. Worlds were plundered, for both resources and information. Wars with old enemies such as the Mechonoids began anew. The Dalek Restoration sought to wipe the slate of the entire universe clean. But in order to do this, truly incredible numbers of troops were needed.

The emphasis on Dalek production lines was switched to the manufacture of Drones, the Daleks' most durable and obedient tools of war. With this change in emphasis towards Drone production and subsequent conquest, areas of specialisation were reorganised. There were now fewer Dalek Scientists, but those that remained wielded more power. Special Weapons Daleks were transformed into Dalek Executioners, and the Daleks' Command ranks were increased to more efficiently monitor and lead the armies of Dalek Drones that once again became the scourge of every galaxy.

Vast reserves of Drones were kept in storage, such as the one entombed on a forgotten human colony world in the Fifth Galaxy. Dalek thinking had changed to accept that not every battle would be won, but that the war against the universe would be – no matter how long this took. The main goal of the Emperor of the Restoration was to build up its might and then unleash it, no matter the obstacles the Empire faced.

The new Drones were not only obedient, they were even more aggressive. If left unchecked their instinct to kill was unstoppable. Their casings were also stronger and more durable, while the mutant within was programmed with an absolute determination to carry out its orders.

When a Time Squad was sent into the Dark Times, many of the Daleks on board the ship were Drones. The squad's primary mission was to correct what the Daleks saw as interference with established history, but the Emperor also gave secret instructions to the Dalek Time Commander to explore the possibility of wiping out Gallifrey before the Time Lords appeared…

One Dalek Drone survived this mission, even after falling through the Time Vortex. Damaged and embedded in an asteroid, it spent millennia rebuilding itself, repeatedly trying to contact the Empire. Eventually, it managed to position itself within the Starship *Future*, and used the ship's systems to boost its message of dire warning to the Emperor…

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DALEK HIERARCHY

A species that despises diversity, Daleks are often seen as uniform and equal. This couldn't be further from the truth, as these Daleks from different empires show.

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THE GLASS DALEK

David Whittaker's novelisation of the first Dalek story sees them ruled by a glass Dalek. Ian Chesterton, recalling the adventure on Skaro, sees the Dalek's leader "resting on a kind of dais" with a casing "totally made of glass. Inside, I could see the same sort of repulsive creature that the Doctor and I had taken out of the machine and wrapped in the cloak. The Dalek looked totally evil, sitting on a tiny seat, with two squat legs not quite reaching the floor. The head was large [with] inhuman bumps where the ears and nose would normally be and the ghastly slit for a mouth".

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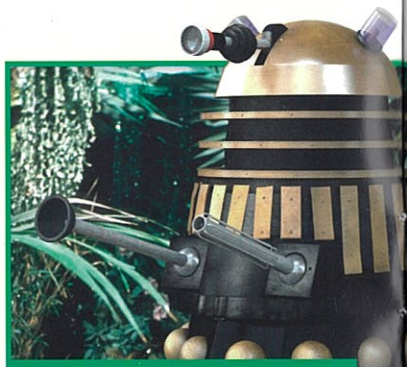


THE SUPREME DALEK/DALEK SUPREME

Part of the Supreme Council and subordinate only to the Emperor, these Daleks could ruled in its stead, notably during the long war against the Movellans. Much later, when Davros returned to Skaro and sought to lead his children again, it was a rogue Dalek Supreme that led a renegade faction against their creator's emergent – but short-lived – empire.

SPECIALITIES

Daleks have ranks devoted to specialities. Scientists, for example, were in charge of researching the Thal antidote on Skaro, offering the brief hope the Daleks might leave their casings. Scientists also worked on the Spiridon nerve agent to create an invisible and invincible army. The Daleks' first time-ship included an Executioner. Daleks have also used Dalek Battle Computers, little more than children slaved to a ship's systems, applying their imagination to improve the Daleks' chances of victory against their many enemies.

THE DALEK PRIME MINISTER

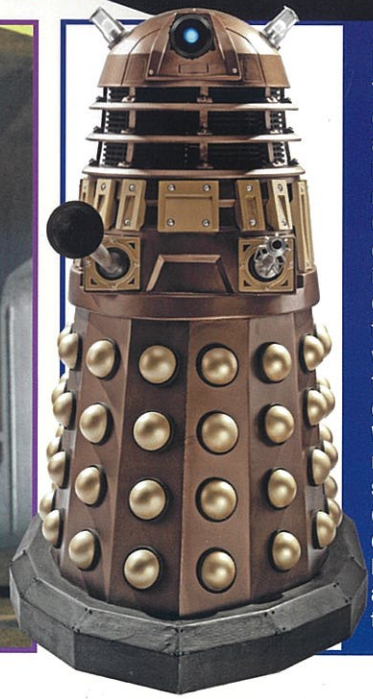
At the end of the civil war fought between the New Dalek Paradigm and the Children of Davros, the resurrected Dalek Empire was overseen by a vast parliament of Daleks. At the head of this parliament was neither a Dalek Emperor nor a Supreme Dalek, but a Prime Minister who acted as the conduit for all the Daleks' hatred and xenophobia, creating an evil more insidious and despicable than ever: "Does it surprise you to know the Daleks have a concept of beauty?" asked the Prime Minister of the Doctor, high above the Dalek asylum…

DALEK COMMANDERS

Saucer Commanders and Time Squad Commanders are those Daleks that run missions, invasions and master plans. They are noted for their increased ruthlessness, where failure is worse than death. Black is the usual colour for this rank, and these monsters have been in command of operations on Earth and Spiridon, and once even assembled a Time Destructor.

DRONES

The standard level of Dalek, of which there are more than any other type. Drones are last on this list, but that does not mean they're the least. Genetically obedient to those of higher rank, all Daleks are intrinsically the same. All of them despise everything that is not Dalek, and they all will do whatever they must to ensure the destruction of everything that they are not. While biological programming, maintained by the computer systems in the casings, ensures that Drones follow orders from higher-ranking Daleks, they are just as evil and monstrous as any that they follow.



TV COMIC EMPEROR

Doctor Who fans first saw this emperor in the 1960s' comic strip, *The Daleks*, that appeared in the comic *TV Century 21*, and in the famous Dalek annuals.

This Emperor was one of the first Daleks created, then given an enlarged casing to incorporate an augmented brain. It often led the Daleks into battle, negotiated with (temporary) allies, and even acted as an ambassador in the delegations with lesser species, such the president of Earth.

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THE TV EMPEROR

The Evil of the Daleks (1967) was the first time on screen where the Doctor returned to Skaro. It was also the first time he met the Emperor, although the Doctor said he'd heard a lot about it.

Hard-wired into the Dalek city, the Emperor's giant casing was immobile, with giant cables connecting it to ever Dalek system. The first Dalek built without a weapon, this Emperor was responsible for the plan to seed the 'Dalek Factor' through the history of the universe, transforming all life into Dalek life. The Doctor defeated it by bringing about a civil war among the Daleks, bringing about what he hoped was their final end.

EMPEROR DAVROS

The Daleks recaptured Davros, their creator, in *Revelation of the Daleks* (1985), taking him to Skaro for trial. This did not go well for the Daleks. A schism occurred with those Daleks who saw the logic of following their creator, but others followed the Supreme Dalek. The result was a bitter civil war where Davros won control of Skaro and, having previously mocked Dalek hierarchy, installed himself as Daleks' new Emperor.

By the events of *Remembrance of the Daleks* (1988), Davros was encased within the shell of the Emperor's travel machine, again built without weaponry or manipulator arm. Davros seemed to have lost most of his humanoid form, becoming little more than a head somehow kept alive through Dalek technology. After locating the Hand of Omega, a powerful Time Lord device, Davros' plans to destroy Earth backfired when the Hand was used to destroy Skaro instead.

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THE GOD EMPEROR

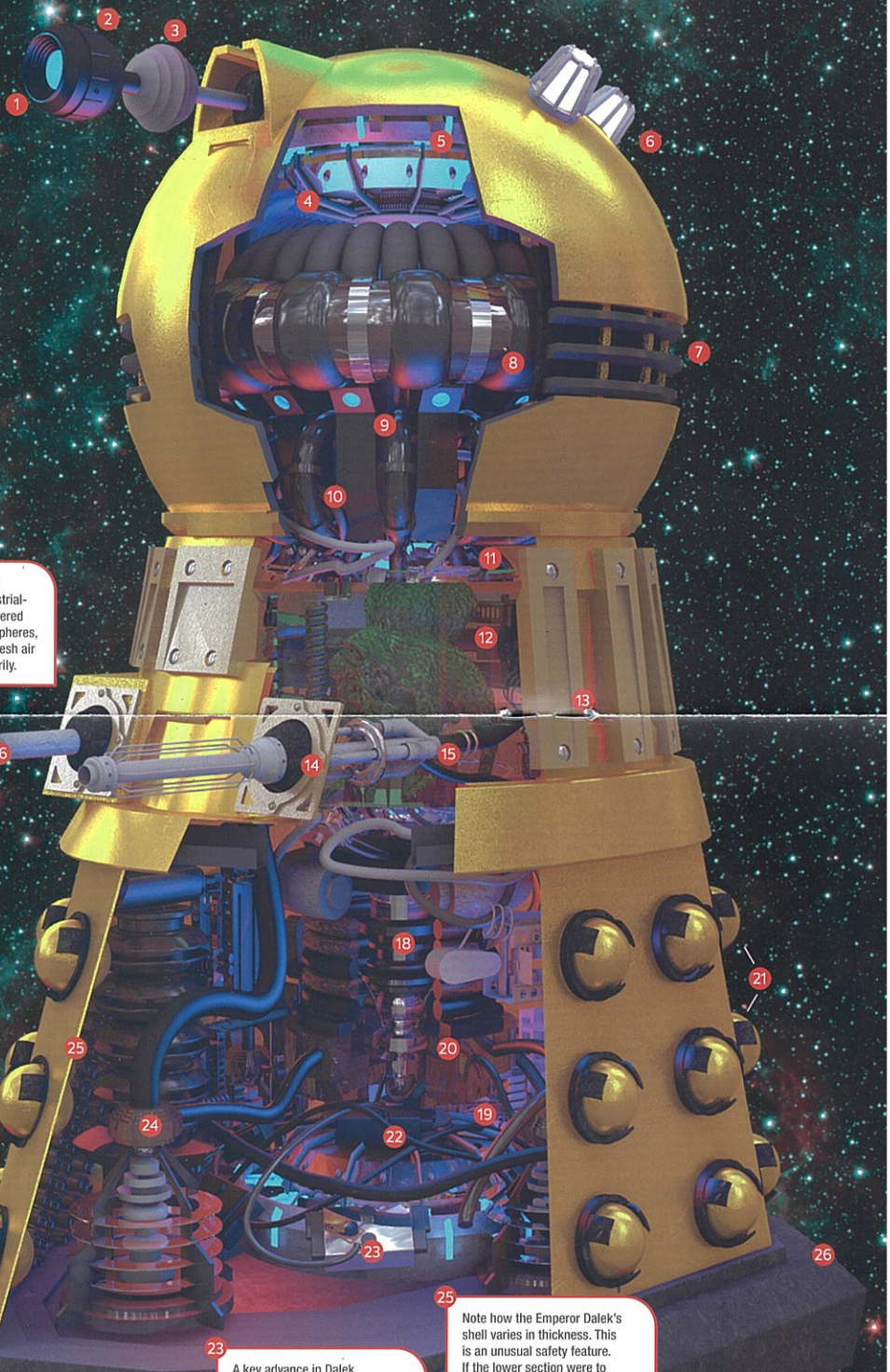
When the Last Great Time War ended, this Emperor was ruler and, somehow, he – not *it* – survived the near-total annihilation of the Daleks. Hiding at the edge of the Solar System, with a few Daleks to command, this dread Emperor began his long game. Secretly taking control of planet Earth, the Emperor started his harvest of the population, sifting through human remains to find genetic material and building a new race of Daleks.

Realising that, as their creator, the Emperor was the one who determined what was "pure and blessed" about the Daleks, he declared himself to be the God of the Daleks, and his creations worshipped him.

The God Emperor had a vast casing, plugged into the heart of his saucer. The creature within was near normal size, housed in a glass tank in the underside of the casing.

He was ready to wipe out Earth and begin the next stage of his plan of universal conquest when Rose Tyler, imbued with the power of the Time Vortex, destroyed this so-called god and (almost) all of his Daleks.

ANATOMY OF THE EMPEROR DALEK



1 Although monocular vision is considered a weakness in many species as it doesn't afford the same depth of vision as binocular sight, superior Dalek technology gives the mutant within sight far beyond anything any lower species could possibly imagine, with every light wavelength observable.

2 The lens casing of the Dalek eye-stalk was once considered a weak point of the Dalek travel machine. No more. Made of a plastic that the heat from a thermonuclear explosion couldn't melt, it also comes with a handy shutter for protection and an automatic wiper whenever the lens becomes dirtied.

3 These lenses act as some of the most powerful magnifiers in existence. These also have a secondary function as insulators for the 'eye-nerve' mechanism from cosmic rays.

4 The Dalek Emperor's personal sensory input and output processor is located here. This receives a variety of inputs – eg, audio-visual, chemical – giving the Emperor an unparalleled awareness of its surroundings. This processor also deals with speech. As Daleks have no vocal chords, this unit amplifies thought and emotion. It also converts the speech of any inferior creature's language.

5 The dome of the Emperor is reinforced. This is the Dalek to which all information about its empire must come. There can be no unnecessary risk for the most important being in the universe.

6 The Emperor has twice the number of luminosity dischargers to the standard two, from which excess energy is converted into light and supersonic sound. These are the safety valves of all Dalek casings. Without them, the surplus energy created by the mutant is liable to destroy the casing from within.

7 The grille on the Emperor's casing is fitted within its dome. The grille acts as an industrial-grade filtration system for anything considered harmful. Daleks thrive in poisonous atmospheres, so something as innocuous as a blast of fresh air could impair their function, albeit temporarily.

8 This quantum-accelerated processor is testimony to Dalek ingenuity. Operating the Dalek empire needs a mind like no other, and data is processed in 12 dimensions, making the Emperor's mind incomparably vast. The Emperor is the Empire.

9 The struts inside the dome's lower section may seem familiar. They support the quantum-accelerated processor, sorting and relaying the vast streams of data according to strict Dalek tenets.

10 Under the struts is the War Computer, fitted in all Daleks and not just the Emperor. This contains the greatest repository of knowledge concerning conflict in the entire universe.

11 The telepathic array sits over the mutant, handling the flow of data, emotion, orders, and thought. This most individual Dalek is both ruler and ruled. The Emperor could enslave the universe but it would still be a servant to its own Empire.

12 The mutant appears to be like any other Dalek, but the Emperor has been augmented to withstand the rigours of Empire.

13 The solar slats allow Daleks to operate in any environment, and can store power that puts human nuclear reactors to shame.

14 This is an emperor who expects to get his protuberances grubby. Unusually, this Emperor is armed and ready to fight!

15 The cabling from the blaster translates emotion into firepower. This weapon is as deadly now as it was when first tested by Davros on the battlefields outside the Kaled dome.

16 Seeing the manipulator arm as a design weak point is a mistake made just once by those who dare underestimate Dalek design and technology.

17 The manipulator arm's 'sucker cup' is exceptionally sensitive, and more dextrous than a human hand, and includes innumerable elements of Dalek ingenuity.

18 The Dalek Emperor's motive and power section is, in relation to the rest of the casing, a simpler affair. This central column is connected to the mutant, operating the guidance unit by thought alone.

19 The wiring is connected to the sensor globes on the Dalek Emperor's 'skirt' section.

20 All travel machines are dependent on direct transfer of energy, but the mutant bodies depend on proteins and nutrients. These are derived from their enemies, which is held in small chambers in this section.

21 Sensor globes instantly create four-dimensional impression of the Emperor's surroundings, and go far beyond any senses that a mere human might possess.

22 This small but powerful unit can convert any form of energy into anti-gravity rays. No terrain is ever a difficulty for a Dalek.

23 A key advance in Dalek technology is the anti-gravity propulsion unit. Once dependent on additional equipment so that they could fly and terrorise the skies of any enemy planet, the Daleks now have no such limit.

24 Additional forms of power are available, but Daleks are fitted with static electricity converters as standard. The transformers pick up the slightest bit of energy and multiply it in ways that humans could never understand.

25 Note how the Emperor Dalek's shell varies in thickness. This is an unusual safety feature. If the lower section were to explode, the thinner shell would still contain the vast energy unleashed. The thicker shell of the dome is in place as a precaution against the billion-to-one chance that the quantum-accelerated processor explodes, which could take out an entire city.

26 For a travel machine that is virtually impervious to harm, why do Daleks have fenders? It's a mystery yet to be solved…

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"The Daleks always survive!"

EMPEROR OF THE RESTORATION

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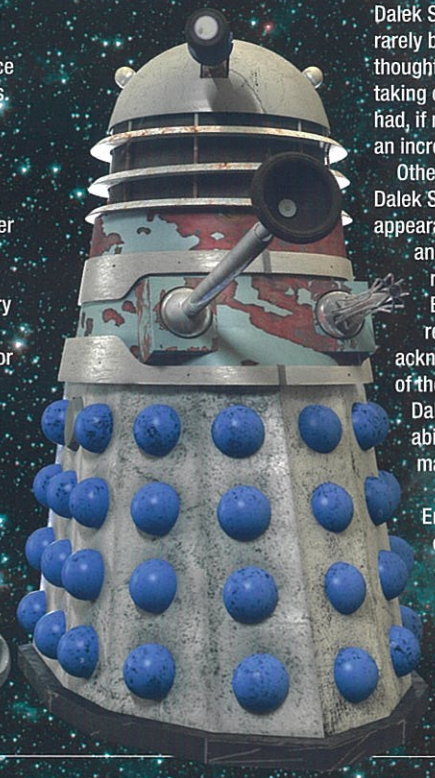
The Dalek Emperor that ruled the Restoration Empire was ruthlessly efficient – it had to be. It had led the rebuilding of Dalek civilisation from the chaos in the fallout of the Daleks' civil war. With Davros having fled, the remaining Daleks were without a leader, so one member of the Supreme Council duly exterminated its fellow members and appointed itself Emperor, determined to unite the Dalek race along mercilessly traditional lines.

Thus, the Dalek Restoration was born.

The new Emperor augmented its brain capacity, and had built a gold casing that recalled an earlier age when Daleks did not fight among themselves but, instead, won every battle, conquered every creature, and stood alone, valiant against the universe. This Emperor valued success and simplicity.

With Skaro destroyed, the Emperor simply rebuilt it. This time there were to be no Thals on Skaro, no irritant that might distract the Daleks in their pursuit of universal domination. Instead, there was the single-minded purpose of a Dalek city with a population organised along pure Dalek lines. With Daleks in ranks according to function, each and every one excelled within their rank.

The Emperor vowed its policies would be straightforward but comprehensive. First, Dalek civilisation would rebuild and stabilised. Second, it would expand the Dalek Empire – the Daleks would conquer the weak and destroy those daring to oppose them. Finally, from a position of utter strength, the Emperor and the Daleks would take on the Time Lords and wipe them out from history forever.



At the Emperor's side was the Dalek Strategist. The Emperor rarely bothered to think new thoughts, but saw the logic in taking counsel from a Dalek that had, if nothing else, survived for an incredibly long time.

Other Daleks resented the Dalek Strategist for its battered appearance, its lack of orthodoxy and, just perhaps, its close relationship to the Emperor. But the Emperor and the rest of the Daleks had to acknowledge that the future of the Dalek race relied on the Dalek Strategist's superior ability to forecast events to maximum Dalek advantage.

What neither the Emperor nor the Strategist could foresee was when something went wrong with the universe. Dalek scientists had uncovered growing evidence of ripples in time, as if some

"I am the last of the Daleks – and I will continue!"

event in the past was rewriting history and potentially threatening the Restoration Empire. Seeking to identify the cause of these ripples in time, the Emperor ordered the invasion of the Archive of Islos, only for the Archivians of Islos to unleash a deadly entity from another dimension.

Always pragmatic, the Emperor allied with the Mechonoids in order to defeat this new threat, discovering that it wasn't new at all, but ancient. The Slave of the Hond – a once-terrible race that had gone extinct in the Dark Times – were now, impossibly, extant once more.

Puzzled by the rebirth of the Hond, the Emperor Dalek was astute in vanquishing them – the Daleks captured their old enemy, the Doctor, to help defeat them.

Dalek Scientists were ordered to examine the Doctor how the Hond had returned, discovering that changes to history had their origins in the Dark Times. Dalek time technology couldn't penetrate this period and, since the Doctor knew too much, the Emperor dispatched a Time Squad to locate an earlier incarnation in order to use his TARDIS to take them there. The squad's mission was to either restore time to its correct path, or use the disruption to time to maximum Dalek advantage.

As it had already received an ancient message, the Emperor knew this Dalek Time Squad would be destroyed. That was no concern. What mattered was that the squad did not die defeated.

The Dalek Emperor soon learned that its methods were working. Despite interference from the Time Lords, the Restoration Empire was growing ever stronger. One day soon, and this the Emperor knew in every particle of its golden shell, the Dalek race would be ready to challenge the might of Gallifrey…

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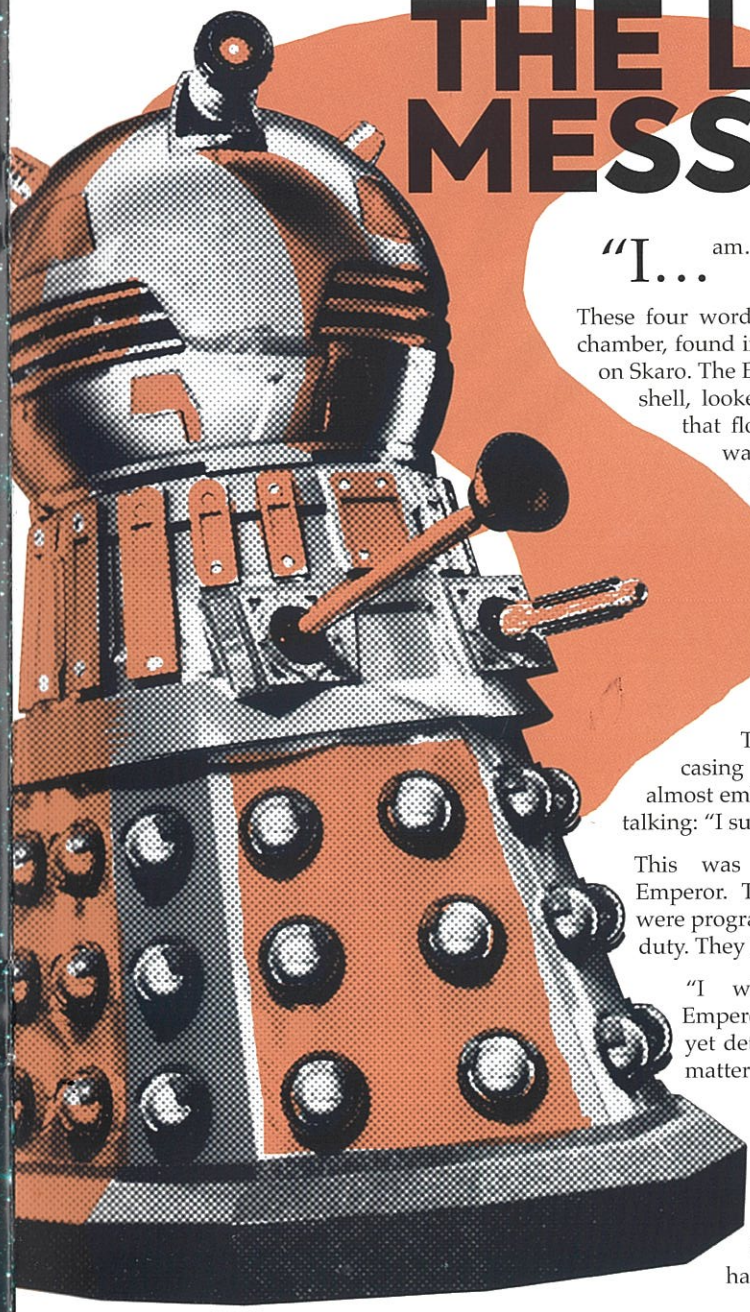
THE LAST MESSAGE



"I… am… the… last…"

These four words echoed in the Emperor's chamber, found in the heart of the Dalek city on Skaro. The Emperor, secure in its golden shell, looked up at the signal display that floated against the flat metal wall. The Dalek Emperor did not normally hear the words of Drones, let alone pay them such attention, but this message had been travelling for millennia, through space and time until it had finally reached Skaro.

The ruined Dalek Drone, casing shattered, lights failing, almost embedded in the rock, was still talking: "I survive… I will repair…"

This was reasonable, thought the Emperor. That's what dutiful Drones were programmed to do. That was their duty. They kept going. They obeyed.

"I will grow stronger," the Emperor heard the Drone's quiet yet determined grating voice. "No matter how long it takes."

The Emperor glanced up at the dataflow, more closely assessing the age of the message, swiftly calculating how many thousands of years the Drone had clung to the rock until it

could send this low-powered signal. In a fraction of a second, the Emperor and compared the Drone's vital signs with untold thousands of other Daleks in similar circumstances, and this unintentional test of Dalek staying power nevertheless briefly caused the Emperor to be impressed. The Emperor would have expected the creature to have died three thousand years before sending this.

"There is still time…"

The Drone's voice became desperate, pleading. The Emperor did not care for this change in tone, and considered whether any other civilisations had intercepted the transmission on its long journey to Skaro, and what would they might have made of it.

"I must warn the universe…" continued the Drone in the same pitiful voice.

Lights flowed over a nearby panel. The Emperor glanced downwards. In the central computer repository, this broadcast was quickly tagged and analysed with a thoroughness that only Dalek technology could hold.

Researchers found a match with the Drone's registry. The dataflow passed over a screen on the panel set before the Emperor. It paused the recording in order to survey it all.

Interesting.

"Interesting" is not a Dalek word, and the Emperor allowed itself such luxury of thought only occasionally. It was almost decadent. It was not a weakness – Daleks have no weaknesses – but sometimes a word from outside the core vocabulary bank was needed, and the Emperor alone of all the Daleks had the freedom to access such a word.

Interesting.

If it were allowed, the Emperor would have also used "surprising", but even an Emperor Dalek must draw the line somewhere. "Interesting "would have to suffice.

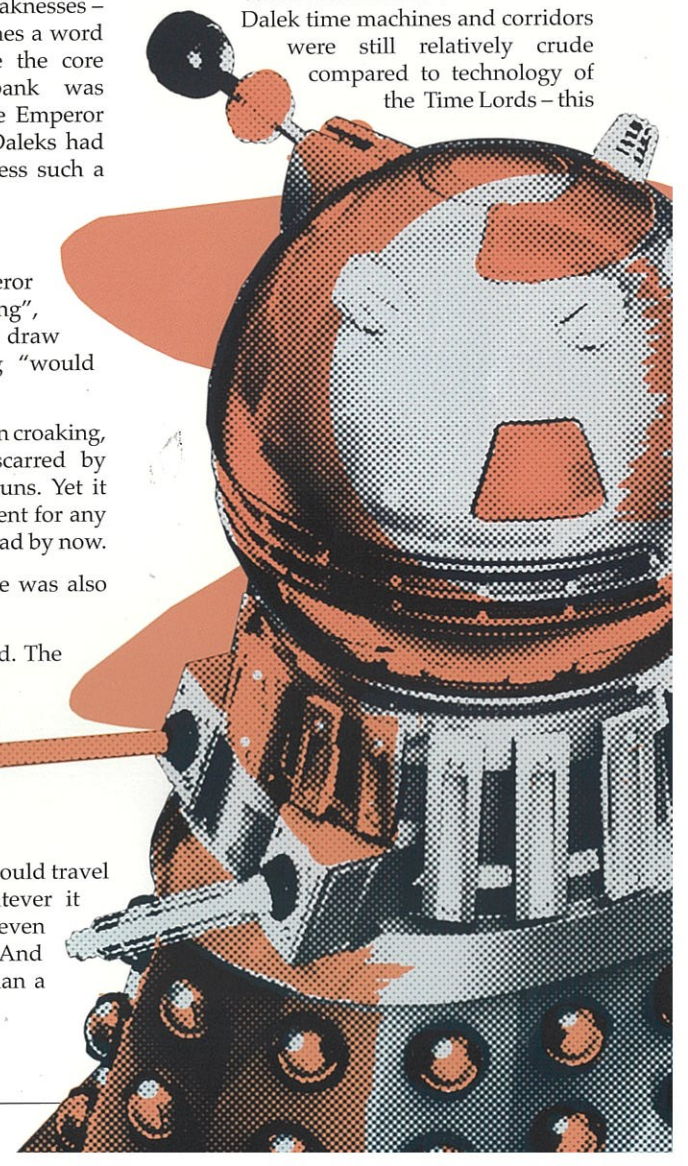
The Drone, paused in its on-screen croaking, was millennia old, its surface scarred by debris and blasted by countless suns. Yet it persisted. A magnificent achievement for any Dalek unit. It was probably long dead by now.

But that very same Dalek Drone was also currently in operation on Skaro.

The Emperor called up its record. The Drone was stationed on a time ship, part of a crew of 100 Daleks. An insignificant percentage of a Dalek Time Squad. At some point, the Drone would travel back in time. The mission, whatever it would be, would be a failure, but even in failure a Dalek can learn much. And an Emperor can learn far more than a mere Drone.

It scrutinised the frozen image of the Drone and inferred much. For some time the Emperor had become increasingly aware of instabilities in the universe – small, slight inconsistencies, a sense of time being rewritten. The Daleks had made themselves time sensitive. It was a matter of – it accessed the word it needed – "pride" to the Emperor.

While not masters of time travel – Dalek time machines and corridors were still relatively crude compared to technology of the Time Lords – this



particular branch of science was something the Emperor had Dalek Scientists working on day and night, for decades. It had long suspected the insufferable Gallifreyans had been altering the Daleks' history, and now wondered again if the irregularities it had noticed were anything to do with the Time Lords…

Drones were not sophisticated experts on either temporal politics or physics. But perhaps the Drone had learned something? Maybe some subtle part of its message would somehow incriminate the Time Lords?

The Emperor let the message conclude: "I must warn the universe," rasped the Dalek, "about the Doctor."

Interesting, thought the Emperor, allowing itself the word again. Very interesting.

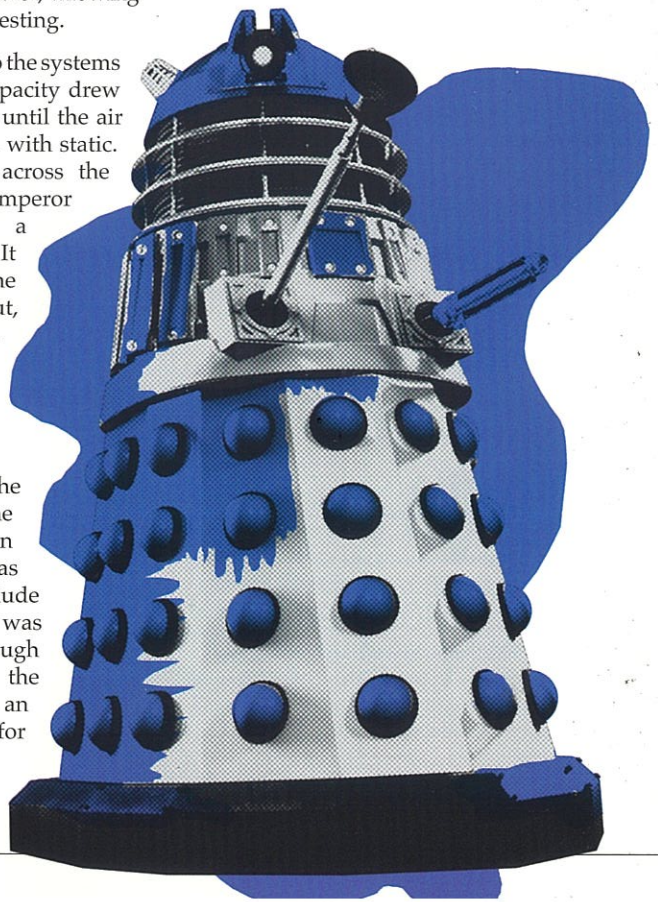
The Emperor delved deep into the systems of Skaro. Its enhanced brain capacity drew on further banks of computers until the air around its golden casing swam with static. Plans and schematics swept across the chamber's metal walls as the Emperor calculated permutations and a myriad of possible actions. It would normally summon the Dalek Strategist to advise but, for a reason it could not reveal, decided against doing so. At this moment, the Emperor alone wanted to construct the future of the Dalek Empire.

Some data was missing. The transmission from the Drone included no exact information about the era from when it was transmitting. Nor did it include precisely how the Doctor was involved. But there was enough information, enough data for the Emperor to wholly commit to an entirely new course of action for the Dalek race.

History itself was under attack, the Emperor had calculated, and the Dalek Empire was not immune. The Emperor knew it needed more information, and that could only be found somewhere like the Archive of Islos. From there, the Daleks could discover just how the Doctor was involved.

The Emperor swept from the chamber, heading towards the fleet of ships already in preparation. As it went, its eyestalk roved over the now-frozen image of the Drone embedded in the asteroid. This Drone had changed the course of Dalek history. For an instant, the Emperor considered retrieving the Drone's remains. But, no, they had learned all they needed to.

After all, it was only a Drone.



DALEK EMPEROR

Rising from the ashes of another civil war comes this new yet strangely familiar Dalek Emperor. Determined to take only the best of the old regimes for its new Empire, this Emperor has carefully but ruthfully consolidated the Daleks' position once more as the deadliest creatures in the universe!

When the Daleks become aware that something from the Dark Times is sending ripples throughout history, changing entire timelines, the Dalek Emperor is determined to find their source. If it can control this power and then weaponise it, the Daleks' plans of conquering the whole of time and space will finally be fulfilled!

DALEK DRONE

Inside every Dalek casing, the Doctor once noted, is a bubbling lump of hate. Inside the Drones of the Restoration Empire is something even more evil, more despical. Genetically programmed to be more loyal to the Emperor and even more aggressive, the Dalek Drones are festering lumps of hate, determined to wipe out everything that isn't Dalek in a way that's never been seen before.

With the Dalek Empire expanding across the cosmos, more Dalek Drones than ever have been created to try to wipe out all life that dares to threaten Dalek dominion. With the new Drones, the Daleks rule supreme!

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